#### THE HOLY TRINITY

MAY 26, 2024 **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** Missouri Synod



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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. **Worship Service**

> > 10:30 A.M.

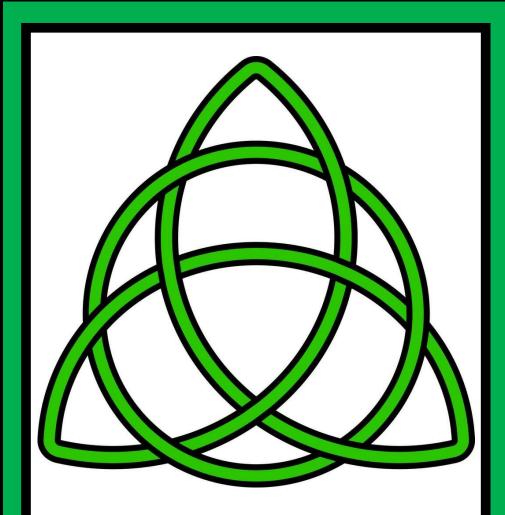
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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

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# **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty God, there are days I do not even know what to plan for dinner. Yet You have had a definite plan for this world and for me before You created it. Help me, by Your Holy Spirit, to trust in Your plan of salvation through the cross and resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God and one Lord, now and eternally. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - We ponder today the great mystery of God—that God is one and that this one God is three persons. The liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be understood as it is truth to be confessed. We confess the Father from whom all things come, the Son who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church, the confession of the Holy Trinity has been a hallmark of faithful believers. We sing

of the Trinity and, with the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, we confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

# **DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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**PRELUDE** 

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

**WELCOME** 

**OPENING SENTENCES** Revelation 4:8b, 11

- P Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
- C Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
- P for You created all things,
- C and by Your will they existed and were created.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

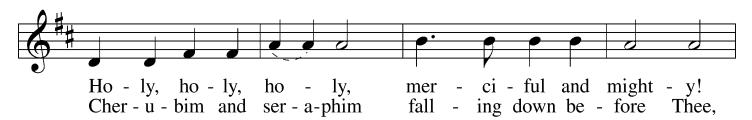
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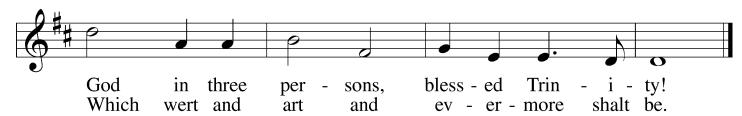
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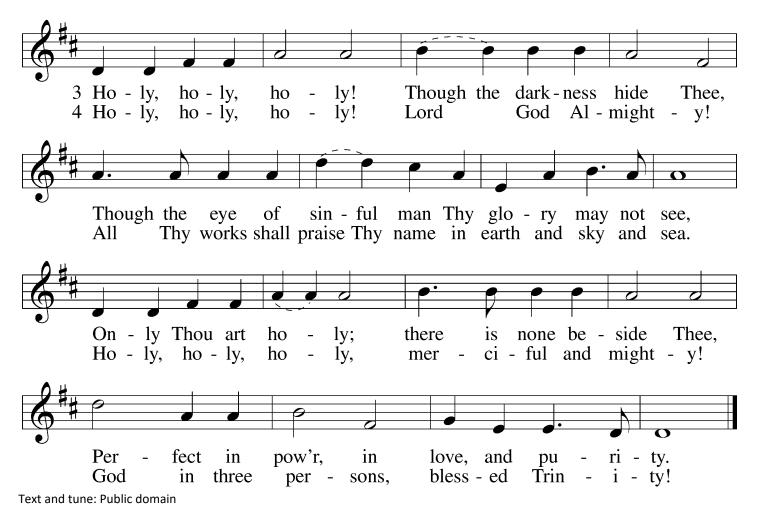




Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee; Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;







#### Please stand

### **INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)
P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am

heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

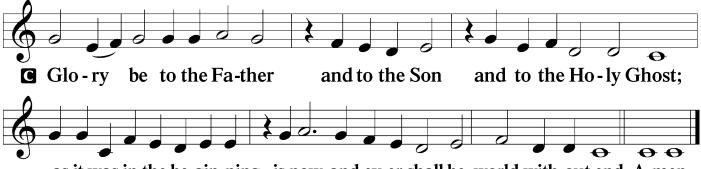
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT** Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

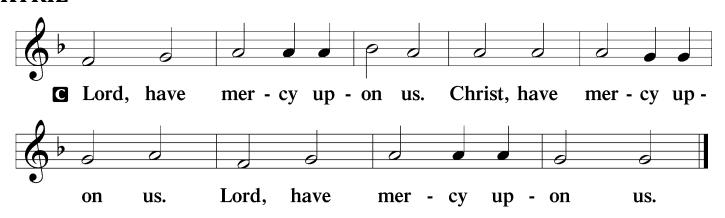
- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.
- C For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- P You will show me the path of life;
- C In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

# **GLORIA PATRI**



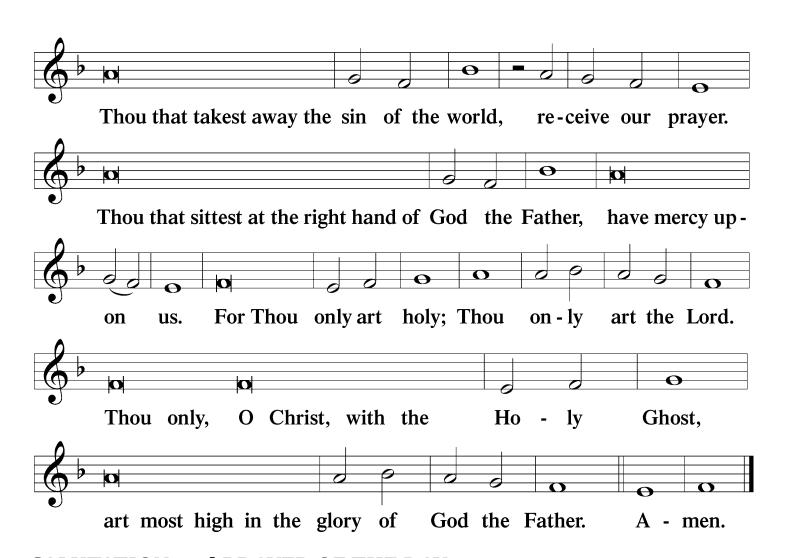
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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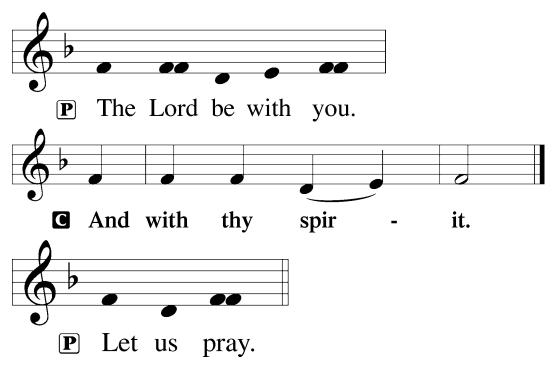


#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





# **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P Almighty God, You are three persons yet one God. This is a mystery that is beyond our understanding. You ask us not to understand but

simply believe. Give us the faith of a child, that what You have said in Your Word about Yourself we may believe in our hearts and live out by faith in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.



Please sit

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 6:1-8

(The prophet Isaiah is overcome by his sinfulness and God's holiness.)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 So I said:

"Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM** Psalm 29

- P Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, give unto the Lord glory and strength.
- C Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- P The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is over many waters.
- C The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- P The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
- C He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- P The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.
- C The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
- P The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"
- C The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the Lord sits as King forever.
- P The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

# **EPISTLE** *Acts 2:14a, 22–39*

(Three thousand people heard Peter's message of the resurrection of Jesus and Him being both true God and the Messiah.)

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by

lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him:

- 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
- Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
- For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'
- 29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.
- 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,
- 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
- 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
- 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"
- 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

#### **ALLELUIA**



# **HOLY GOSPEL** John 3:1–17

(Nicodemus, the "teacher of Israel," is taken to school by Jesus, who shares God's plan of salvation in a nutshell.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



- 1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
- 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
- 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and

do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

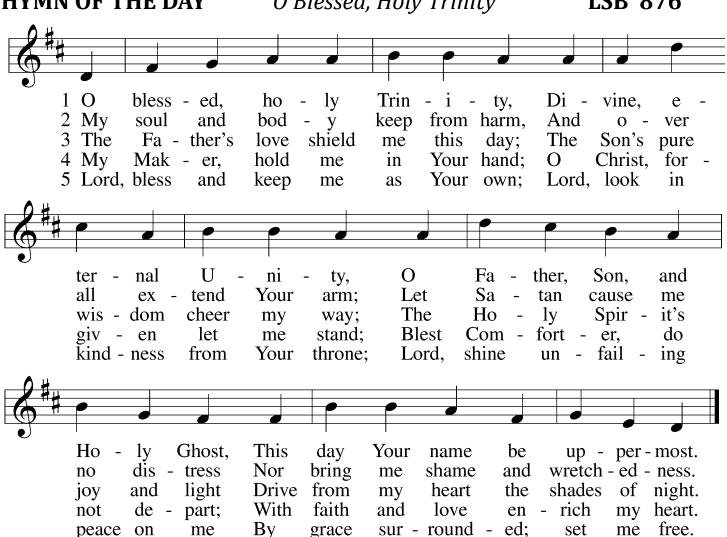
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Blessed, Holy Trinity

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# **SERMON**

"Knowing what must be known for eternal life by the power of the Holy Spirit" (John 3:1-3)

# **OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LSB 805



Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n crea - tures here be - low; (Continue on next page)



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for planning and creating this world for us to inhabit. You have given us the stewardship of it. Where we have failed, forgive us. Give us wisdom to manage what You planned for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, You cared for us with no guarantee we would ever love You back. You lived the perfect life we could not and suffered the death we are not willing to suffer for our sins. We can never repay You—all we can do is thank You, and so we do now. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Holy Spirit, through Your inspiration we have the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation in Jesus Christ. Yet without the faith freely given by You, we would not be able to believe. You keep us in that faith our entire journey on this side of eternity. We ask that You would rule our hearts and minds, and bring to our remembrance what the Scriptures say at just the right time. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We lift up those facing health challenges at this moment, [especially . . .]. Hear our petitions on their behalf. We ask that You use doctors and nurses, medicines and researchers, and, according to Your will, miracles, so those who have any dreaded disease might

be returned to health to serve You. Heavenly Physician, we entrust them to Your care and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P We remember also the homebound members of our congregation, [especially . . .]. Give them a special measure of Your presence and peace this hour. Remind them You are with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Lord, You have commanded us to pray for all in authority. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they seek justice and peace. We lift up leaders everywhere. Help them by Your Spirit to lead with diligence. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P For Christians persecuted around the world and who feel the heavy hand of injustice, we ask that You keep Your people faithful and protect all who need Your protection. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

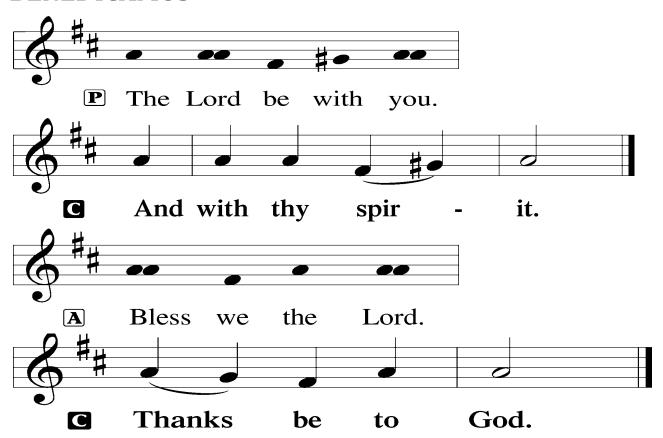
P Into Your gracious and loving hands we commend all for whom we pray and those You know need our prayers, trusting in Your mercy; in the name of Jesus, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, who was, who is, and who is coming, the Almighty.

## C Amen.

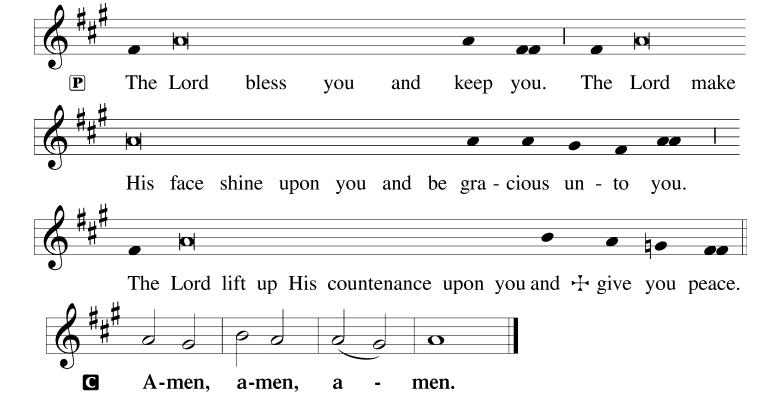
### LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# **BENEDICAMUS**



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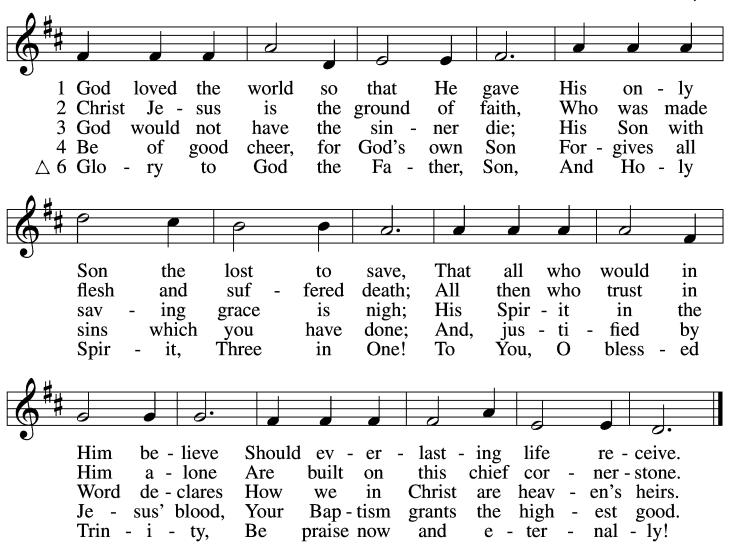


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## **SENDING HYMN**

#### God Loved the World So That He Gave

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## **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Portals of Prayer** for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Weber is leading the class.

# May's Activities

Youth Confirmation Class

Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27th

## Immanuel Lutheran School

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th (no classes)

Graduation/Promotion Night

Thursday, May 30th @ 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Last Day of School Reverse Day, Lock-In

Friday, May 31st from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

#### June Activities

Elders Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th @ 9:00 a.m.

Father's Day: Sunday, June 16th

LWML TX District Convention : June 13th to 15th in Corpus Christi

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# **PSALM 29**

Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty

Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength. 2 Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
The Lord is over many waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, And the Lord sits as King forever<sup>.</sup> 11 The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace Intentionally left blank

# Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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Sunday Worship		33	
Plate:		\$	85.00
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	Total:	\$ 4,	034.36
Bible Class:	13		\$ 11.00

# Second Sunday after Pentecost Readings:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

# The Glory of the Lord of Hosts Shines in Mercy, Forgiveness and Salvation

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he cried out and confessed that he was "a man of unclean lips." If even the holy angels cover their faces in the presence of "the King, the Lord of hosts," how can sinful humans stand before Him (Is. 6:1-5)? Yet, the glory of the Lord is saving grace, and with "a burning coal" from the altar the angel touched Isaiah's lips, removing his guilt (Is. 6:6-7). Likewise, from the altar of Christ's cross, by the ministry of the Gospel, "the whole earth is full of his glory" (Is. 6:3). For He was crucified, died and was buried, "according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God," and God "raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23-24). He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), and He raises up the fallen world by pouring out His life-giving Spirit upon sinners through His earthly Means of Grace. To give this saving gift, God sent His Son into the world, "that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16-17).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule			
	May Sunday Servants:	June Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Don Vogel	Earl Neuhaus		
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maggie Weber	Same		
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	The Holy Trinity			
Usher:	Dan Wehling			
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		
Next Week	Second Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		